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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's Remarks/Arguments filed October 19, 2006, have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

On page 5 of Applicant's Remarks, Applicant argues that "Uchiyama does not disclose a mobile alerter that outputs notification alerts for a mobile communication device both when in a tethered mode and when in an un-tethered mode" on page 5, lines 15-17.

In response, the examiner has been carefully reviewed the Applicant's Remark. However, the examiner must give the broadest reasonable interpretation to all claims presented that Uchiyama clearly disclosed the controller controls the switch to connect the first port to the second port if the wireless telephone interface output state indicates that the wireless telephone is present, or, the controller controls the switch to connect the third port to the second port if the output state indicates that the wireless telephone is not present (see paragraph [0012]).

On page 7 of Applicant's Remarks, Applicant argues that "Uchiyama neither teaches nor suggests the docking station 2 is capable of receiving signals and generating output originating from the wireless telephone 6 when the wireless telephone 6 is disconnected form the docking stations" on page 7, lines 8-11.

In response, the examiner further must give the broadest reasonable interpretation to all claims presented that Uchiyama teaches the docking station has a controller coupled to the output, and coupled to control the switch to connect the first port or the second port to the third port as a function of the state of the output (See paragraph [0011-0012]).

Furthermore, the controller controls the switch to connect the first port to the second port if the wireless telephone interface output state indicates that the wireless telephone is present, or, the controller controls the switch to connect the third port to the second port if the output state indicates that the wireless telephone is not present (See paragraph [0012]).

Therefore, the argued limitations are the same as disclosed by the reference or the limitations are written broad such that they read on the cited art, rejections are maintained as repeated below:

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-7, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Uchiyama (US 2003/0078071).

Regarding **claims 1 and 7**, Uchiyama teaches a mobile alerter for a mobile communication device the mobile alerter (Fig. 6) comprising: a processor (Fig. 6, #70); a power supply [0029, 0031]; a wireless receiver to communicate with the mobile communication device (Fig. 6, Wireless Cellular Phone #6); notification hardware (Ringer/Answering Machine) for triggering a notification of an incoming alert [0013-0014]; and a connection interface for removably connecting the mobile alerter to the mobile communication device (Fig. 6, [0038-0043]); the mobile alerter forming the notification unit of the mobile communication device such that the mobile alerter outputs notification alerts for the mobile communication device when the mobile alerter is in a tethered mode (**connected** to Base and/or Docking Unit/Station #2 [0038-0043]), and the mobile alerter outputs notification alerts for the mobile communication device when the mobile alerter is in an un-tethered mode (**disconnected** to Base and/or Unit/Station #2 (Fig. 6, [0038-0043])). As an examiner noted that a cellular and a cordless phone, both phones work on the tethered or un-tethered modes).

Regarding **claim 2**, Uchiyama teaches the mobile alerter of claim 1, wherein the notification hardware comprises **at least one** type of hardware selected from the following group a speaker, a vibrator, and a light (Fig. 6, Speaker Phone #80).

Regarding **claim 3**, Uchiyama teaches the mobile alerter of claim 1, wherein the power supply comprises a battery [0005-0007].

Regarding **claim 4**, Uchiyama teaches a mobile communication device (Fig. 6) comprising: a processor (Fig. 6, Controller, CPU, Processor #70); a wireless communication means to communicate with a wireless network (Fig. 6, Cellular Phone #6 communicate with Wireless Network); a wireless transmitter for communication with a wireless network (Fig. 6, Cellular Phone #6); a wireless receiver for communication with a wireless network (Fig. 6, Cellular Phone #6); a wireless transmitter for communication with a mobile alerter of claim 1 (Fig. 6, [0038-0043]); a housing (Docking #2) with a cavity (Wireless and/or Cordless Cradles #14 and #16) for receiving the mobile alerter (Fig. 6,); and a connection interface for receiving the mobile alerter (Fig. 6, [0038-0043]).

Regarding **claim 5**, Uchiyama teaches the mobile communication device of claim 4, wherein the wireless communication means comprises **at least one** form of communication means selected from the following group: a voice communication means, and a data communication means [0038-0043].

Regarding **claim 6**, Uchiyama teaches the mobile communication device of claim 4, wherein the connection interface comprises **at least one** form of interface selected from the following group: a serial interface, a parallel interface, a USB interface, a Firewire interface, and a wireless interface (Fig. 6, [0037-0043]).

Regarding **claim 9**, Uchiyama teaches the mobile communication device of claim 4, wherein the connection interface of the mobile device is located within the cavity of the housing of the mobile device, the cavity being adapted to slidably receive the mobile alerter (Fig. 6, [0037-0043]).

Conclusion

3. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Vu whose telephone number is (571) 272-8131. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am - 6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Feild can be reached on 571-272-4090. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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